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## NATURAL HISTORY OF GLACIER PARK TOPIC AT SOCIETY

The Montana Historical Society and the Last Chance Audubon Society are teaming for a month-long series on the natural history of Glacier National Park.

Society Librarian Brian Shovers, who is also secretary of the LCAS, said the Audubon decided to hold its annual March lecture series with the Society because of the Society's current exhibit "Land of Many Stories: The People & Histories of Glacier National Park."

"The LCAS considers it a great opportunity to offer a program on the natural history of Glacier in a place where there is a wonderful exhibit on the history of the Park," Shovers said.

The free programs will be at the Society across from the State Capitol each Thursday in March at 6:30 p.m.

"Attendees will have a unique opportunity to learn about Glacier biology and botany from former Park employees and research scientists," Shovers said.

Here are the speakers and topics for each program: .

### **March 4**

**Steve Gniadek**, a recently retired Glacier NP biologist will provide a visual overview of park wildlife, some history of wildlife research and management in the Park, an overview of some of the current challenges to managing Park wildlife, and a glimpse of some the Glacier's iconic species.

**March 11**

**Dave Shea**, another retired biologist back-country ranger of 36 years will discuss the eagles of Glacier and his documentation of their habitat and their increase in numbers during the 1980s linked to the introduction of Kokanee salmon in the Flathead and subsequent decline. Shea collaborated with Riley McClelland, a lifelong student of bald eagles in Glacier.

**March 18**

**Dan Fagre**, a research ecologist at the Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center in GNP, will talk about the impact of climate change on the glaciers and animals of the park. As ecologist for the Center Fagre has been monitoring the effects of climate variability since 1991. He is co-author of three books on the subject and his research measures the impact of higher temperatures on glaciers, avalanches, amphibians, and plants.

**March 25**

**Chris Peterson**, editor of *Glacier Park Magazine* and former editor of the *Hungry Horse News*. To celebrate the Park's centennial birthday Peterson spent 100 days during the summer of 2009 hiking the Park trails and documenting his journey with both a digital camera and a 1910 vintage camera. Peterson will share his experiences of last summer in a presentation entitled, *100 Days in Glacier*.